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(b) The lists A and B to which reference has already been made show what measures of retrenchment have already been given effect to. The orders so far passed on the specific recommendations of the Committee (list A) are calculated to secure savings (mostly of a recurring nature) amounting to about Rs. 16·71 lakhs in a full year. Further economies may of course be expected as Government come to pass orders on the proposals that are still pending.

The immediate savings ordered for the current year only (list B) amount to about Rs. 88 lakhs, which figure includes the savings that will accrue during the remaining months of the year on those proposals of the Committee that have already been accepted by Government.

(c) Government have carefully considered the suggestion made by the hon. Member and have come to the conclusion that it would be impracticable if retrenchment is to be effective and speedy, to place all the proposals of the Committee before the House before passing final orders on them. The proceedings of the Committee are given ample publicity by means of daily Press Communiques while the Committee is in session and the procedure of the House is open to any member who desires to raise objection to any of the proposals made. In addition, Government will take every opportunity, such as the present, to keep the House as fully informed as possible of what is being done.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

IV.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF REVENUE OFFICERS AT ELLORE.

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" Sir, under Standing Order 20, I beg your leave and the leave of the House for making a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, to wit:

' *The conduct of the Revenue Officers of Government at a public meeting held at the Y.M.H.A., Ellore, on the 18th October* 1931 '."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" Will the hon. Member say how the matter is urgent at this stage? "

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" The urgency of the matter is this. Unless the conduct of the Revenue Officers which showed itself in the public meeting referred to is checked, it is very likely that such conduct will be repeated. In the interests of peace and order it is necessary that Government should take notice of these things and do something to check the over-zeal of some of their subordinates."

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* The hon. the Prsident:—"I think the motion is in order. Does any hon. Member object to it?"

* The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I do not object to the motion. I request that it may be taken up for consideration to-morrow."

* The hon. the President:—"The motion will be taken up to-morrow at 4 p.m."

V.—ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The hon. the President announced that the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments (Amendment) Act, 1931, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 29th September 1931.

VI.—ACTS ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The hon. the President announced that the undermentioned Acts received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the dates mentioned against each:—

1. The Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Act, 1931	5th August 1931.
2. The Madras Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1931	5th August 1931.
3. The Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1931 ...	31st August 1931.
4. The Gudalur Compensation for Tenants Improvements Act, 1931.	5th September 1931.
5. The Madras Hindu Religious Endowments (Amendment) Act, 1931 ...	7th September 1931.

VII.—AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 21 OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

* The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider a draft amendment to Standing Order 21 and move that the report be taken into consideration."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I beg to move that the amendment be passed.